

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM CONCEPTS

MODULE 3

Handout 3.4

TOURISM IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

Activity	Environmental Consequences	Ecosystem Impacts	Human Health and Welfare Impacts	Mitigation
Solid waste disposal	 trash and litter pollution leaching from landfills smoke & fumes from burning degraded water quality degraded air quality 	toxicity to species degraded habitat entanglement of marine life	public health risk economic losses (tourism) aesthetic losses cleanup costs	 plentiful supply of litter receptacles routine cleanups adequate treatment/ disposal technology waste management program
Sewage disposal	 suspended solids pathogenic organisms chlorine freshwater demand eutrophication degraded water quality 	eutrophicationspecies toxicityhabitat loss	 public health risks from pathogens & food web toxicity subsistence losses recreational losses economic losses to fisheries & tourism aesthetic degradation cleanup costs 	waste management program sewage treatment plants and infrastructure
Land use changes	secondary development enhanced access land cover changes	over fishing & resource depletion ecosystem changes	air pollutionurbanizationwater pollutionreduced quality of life	land use planning and controlsfish catch limitspublic education
Tourist activities	enhanced access increased contact with local culture	resource depletion ecosystem changes	overburdening of infrastructure aesthetic changes	siting away from sensitive areas
Employment of local residents	labor shift to service from production round- the-clock work shifts	loss in non-tourism production capacity	disruption of traditional family values cultural conflicts social differentiation reliance on cash new mobility lifestyle changes dependence on imports	employee training upward mobility
Immigrant employees	increased population	increased demand on fisher resources	 housing shortages overburdening of infrastructure social gaps (outsiders fill high- level jobs) subsistence losses 	 housing impact fees employee training employee interpretation educate outsiders on locals' resource needs

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